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A CITY OF REMINISCENCES.

The most interesting place we saw in a short stroll last Sunday afternoon was Montgomery City cemetery. With its beautiful grassy hillside, little brook, trees and shrubbery of varied kinds and sizes; vaults, monuments and tombstones of different designs and colors, some dating back to 1800, and others so nearly effaced by time and weather as to make them almost unreadable—as they stand like sentinels guarding this city of the dead. Then the innumerable flowers, choice in their colors and fragrant with perfumes; song birds among the trees and in the air, all seeming to vie with each other in one grand chorus. And the sun shone so bright and warm, the breezes wafted so gently—and all was still, save the ringing of a church bell half a mile distant.—Was anything more delightful.—Then to think of the human forms there buried—so many of them once so loving, noble and brave, now forever at rest, and without a care, pain or sorrow. Relatives and friends of many of these were there decorating the graves with little tokens of loving regard. All of us are not situated so they can enjoy these little comforts of heart and mind; some have little graves to think about in other cemeteries many miles away.—Some people dislike to visit a cemetery. And why so? Perhaps it is because they have no loved ones there.

"O why should the spirit of mortal be proud? Like a swift flying meteor, a fast flying cloud, A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave, Man passeth from life to rest in the grave."

What a mass of thoughts, reminiscences and prospects lie buried in every graveyard. The present, past and future are there all jumbled together. We read the inscriptions upon the tombstones and find many of them were the fathers and mothers and other relatives of present residents here; many of them were buried so long ago that even their bones must have crumbled to dust. Many of them died before a large majority of the present residents of Montgomery City were born, and the place was but a mere prairie hamlet. How singular these things seem, and to think that all of us must soon die, and be buried in the same manner. Several of them were old soldiers, and perhaps killed in battle or died in some far away hospital and were brought home to be buried beside their friends. It is a long story, and no one can write the concluding chapters. The ministers who pronounced the last sad rites perhaps told all that was necessary. If there is anything more, it is recorded on high.

A hundred years hence, how soon it is gone, and this world will be inhabited by people not yet born. The world will be here, and the same sun will rise and set as it does today; the flowers bloom and birds sing. Other men and women will be here, but most of us will be forgotten. And there will be homes here, and cheerful, loving firesides, and there will be a common hope of the hereafter without a common fear. Love will be here, and love is the only bow on life's dark cloud. Will we meet in that other world an impenetrable wall, or will it be an open door, with loved ones to welcome us in. Who can tell?

"So the multitude goes, like the flower or weed, That withers away to let others succeed; So the multitude comes, even those who behold To repeat every tale that has often been told."

For we are the same our fathers have been; We see the same sights our fathers have seen; We drink the same stream, we see the same sun And run the same course our fathers have run.

The Jurors Biographically.

A few words regarding some of the present noble body of petit jurors now here attending court:

J. T. Jones was born in Worcester county, Md., in 1845. Came to Missouri in 1858, and located near Middletown, where now resides.—Widower. Republican.

Martin Elsenrath was born in Rhineland, Montgomery county, Oct. 30, 1849. Occupation farmer. Has wife and six children. Republican.

John R. Pate of Lower Loutre, was born in Indiana, June 6, 1841. Farmer by occupation, a bachelor from choice, and a democrat politically.

J. W. Wood of Loutre township, was born in Kentucky, May 13, 1842. Is a farmer by occupation, and has a wife and five children.—Democrat.

Ben. Blades was born near Mincola, September 15, 1862, where he now resides. Occupation farmer and stock raiser. Single and never thought of marrying, so he says, but the neighbors say he is now trying to make love to three young ladies. Republican.

Newton Emerson was born in Ireland in 1830. Came to America in 1844, and located at Middletown in 1847, where now resides. Has wife and four children. Republican.

F. C. Rickhoff was born in Lincoln county, Mo., in 1862, was raised in Warren county, and came to his present home near Bellflower sixteen years ago. Has wife and two children. Republican.

Josiah Snarr of Bear Creek, was born in Shenandoah county, Va., in 1845. Served in civil war as a member of 58th Indiana infantry about one year. Came to Missouri in 1870, and located where now resides. Has wife and ten children. Republican.

Oscar C. Wilson was born in Wellsville in 1870, where still makes his home. Is a school teacher by occupation. Resided a number of years at Auburn and Silex. Single and a republican.

M. S. Rowley of Gamma, was born Jan. 18, 1872, in Montgomery county. Occupation is that of druggist and grocer. Unmarried and a democrat.

J. W. McQuie of Wellsville, was born in Ralls county, Mo., Oct. 29, 1846. Is a woodsawyer by occupation. Single. Republican.

Rudolph Allgeyer of Rhineland, was born in Lower Loutre township Sept. 7, 1837. Is a farmer by occupation. Has wife and seven children. Republican.

Henry Katemann was born near Rhineland, where he now resides, December 2, 1857. Occupation is farmer and insurance agent. Has wife and three children. Republican.

If you want the swiftest turnout in town, call on Moore.

Valuable Farm Sales.

C. L. Clark, real estate agent of this city, in connection with E. Arterborn of New Florence, this week sold to W. F. Smith & Co., of Columbia, Mo., and Malvern, Iowa, 925 acres of improved farm land situated west of New Florence, and about four miles east of this city. Consideration about \$21,000. The land is in three farms, and belonged to Mrs. Rookwood of this city, W. H. Knox and Mr. Gott of New Florence.

The old Capt. Mohrstadt farm of 320 acres, situated on the Boonlick road, a few miles southwest of New Florence, recently owned by W. H. Cornelson, and now occupied by Dr. J. I. Ashbaugh and family, was last week sold for \$5,000. Possession next spring. Dr. Ashbaugh and family expect to move to central Tennessee some time this year.

Guy Whitehead, son of D. H. Whitehead of this vicinity visited with his parents here last week. He is a railway mail clerk on the Missouri Pacific between St. Louis and Sedalia.

The nicest line of fresh candies and bon-bons from Guenther's just received at J. K. Barley's.

Local Briefs.

John Harrison of Carthage is now here visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Mahery.

Quarterly meeting at the Methodist Church next Sunday. Sacrament after the morning services.

A divorce was this week granted in the case of Kate Lotton against McBird Lotton, who reside near Bellflower.

W. L. Gupton of this city has been elected chairman of the democratic congressional committee of this district.

Geo. Sims a well known young colored man, formerly of this city, died in St. Louis last week and was buried here Sunday.

The Modern Woodmen camp at Williamsburg is arranging for a big picnic at the Grant Grove, southwest of the burg, on Saturday, July 2.

We educate colts and train trotters, high school and fancy gaited saddle horses. In connection with our livery business. Yours for business, E. D. Moore.

Noah L. Bonnel, a former resident of this city, and Miss Flora A. Pine, now both residents of Bellflower, were married in Montgomery City last Wednesday, May 18. Judge S. A. Elkins officiating.

L. A. Feike, of High Hill, leaves Saturday evening of this week for the Klondike country where he has some valuable property. He will be absent until next fall at least and perhaps longer. He is a very excellent young man.

A game of base ball was played here last Sunday between Montgomery and Bellflower. The Flowers were defeated by a score of 16 to 8. On next Sunday another game will be played between Montgomery and St. Charles, and on the following Saturday and Sunday with the Louisiana team.

Miss Permelia C. Mahan, a prominent lecturer of the W. C. T. U., will be in this city Friday evening May 27, and will lecture in the O. S. P. Church at 8 o'clock. Miss Mahan is well known to our people not only as a fine lecturer, but also as a noted elocutionist, and after her lecture will give one of her choice readings. This is free to all and everybody is cordially invited to attend.

The announcement of George Bethel of this city as a republican candidate for sheriff, appears in this paper. Mr. Bethel was born in Prairie township, this county, 45 years ago, and his mother now resides in Middletown. He was a candidate for the office two years ago and is well and favorably known here, and has the ability to make a good official.

J. T. Hunt of Middletown, democratic nominee for sheriff of this county, has been this week dismissed from the rural mail delivery service, in which he has been employed for some months past.—It has been reported this week that because of the false statements published by Hunt before the primaries and his dishonorable dismissal from office, that he may be requested to withdraw from the ticket.

The county republican central committee meeting was held in the court house last Tuesday afternoon, and notwithstanding the rain and bad roads, was well attended. It was decided to hold the next republican county delegate convention in this city on Monday, June 20, 1901, the primaries to be held on Saturday, June 18. The official call appears elsewhere in this paper.

Personal.

Mrs. R. H. Bailey spent a few days in Wellsville last week.

Frank Graves of St. Louis spent Sunday with his parents here.

Sam Hughes and Ed. Vanderver of St. Louis spent Sunday here.

Fred Lichte and Oswald Schoff of Big Spring were in town last Tuesday.

Miss Rosalie White of Danville spent Saturday with her cousin Miss Louise Gupton.

Mrs. Frank Antoine and little daughter of Rhineland, are the guests of her parents Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Crockett.

Merril Jordan and Carl Hudson who have been employed at the World's Fair grounds, have given up their jobs and returned home.

Sentenced for Twelve Years.

The trial of Joe Minor, colored, who last winter in one of the railroad camps near here killed one of his tent companions, was tried this week in this city, and Wednesday afternoon the jury sentenced him to twelve years in the penitentiary. The trial drew large crowds. County attorney Lafferty was alone for the prosecution; Judge Barnett, E. P. Rosenberger and Claude and J. F. Ball were for the defense. Mr. Lafferty's closing speech was pronounced a masterly effort.

The Kinloch Telephone Co. on Wednesday filed a five million dollar mortgage at Danville on all their lines in this and other states, where it operates.

W. B. Owings, son of Wm. Owings of this city, and for the past year or more with the La Crosse Lumber Co. here, has been appointed to have charge of the same company's new yards at Bellflower when ready for business.

A reunion of the well known Bibb family, all former residents of this city, is taking place here this week, for the first time in 15 years. Among those present are John Bibb of Tacoma, Wash., Cash Bibb of Idaho, Wm. Bibb of Minneapolis, Rev. M. L. Bibb of Liberty, Mo., M. E. Bibb of Americus, Mo., Mrs. E. L. Sisk of Wellsville, Mrs. Kate M. widow of Dr. Bibb of Maries county, and Mrs. Dr. D. O. Hudson of this city. The aged mother, Mrs. S. M. Bibb, now 75 years of age, resides at her home on Railroad street. This family are such people as the citizens of Montgomery City are always proud to welcome as among the old and popular residents.

Good Reading!

An opportunity to read the popular copyright books that sell at \$1.50 for one-fifteenth of their price, too. Eighty-five books to select from, and all are the most popular works that are now on the market. You can read these for 10c per week.

If you care to read you can't afford to miss this opportunity. Books are being shown in window at

Fuller's Book Store

CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR SHERIFF.

Mr. Kirtson.—You will please announce my name as a candidate for sheriff of Montgomery County, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

GEORGE BETHEL.

JOHN J. SLEIGHT, of Montgomery township, hereby announces himself as a candidate for Sheriff of Montgomery County, subject to the decision of the Republican County Convention.

Roads, Business and Rain.

The unusual amount of rain that has fallen hereabouts this spring, and the almost continued bad roads which now exist and have continued to exist in this county for three months past, have been a matter of serious injury to business of all kinds, the extent of which it is impossible to form any estimate. Not only this, but it will take until June 1, with the best of weather, before these roads will be in good traveling condition. The road between this city and Buell, Bellflower and other points on the new railroad are now so cut up in the bottom places by heavily loaded wagons, as to make them almost impassable at times, and even difficult to describe. These are undeniable facts, and should be faced and worked out in a sensible and business like manner, and the sooner the business men of this city and other parts of the county get at it and remedy them, just so much better off they will be financially. Nearly every business house in this city is now heavily loaded with spring goods, machinery, etc., costing them many thousands of dollars, but because of these very bad roads the merchants and clerks have been sitting around waiting for the Lord or something else to stop the rains so the mud can dry up and the people come to town and buy.—This condition of affairs can and should be remedied. The Lord helps those who help themselves. Other prosperous counties build a few rock roads leading to their principal railroad towns, so the farmers can get to and from to do their buying and marketing. Of course it is not expected to have rock roads everywhere, but there can and should be a few good main traveled roads leading through the low lands, which can be easily reached by farmers living near them. It takes good roads and buying and selling goods and products to make business, and without them no town can long be a good business place. Good roads increase the value of every farm tributary more than the owner's share to help build them.

With such improvements, we can—let'er rain! During the past week the down pour has been quite too much for planting corn and gardening, and yet hardly enough for another flood. Speaking of floods: some newspaper not long ago said that the supposed exact spot where Noah's ark landed had been found somewhere in Missouri. But we don't believe it. That editor was evidently a Standard bred democrat, for had Noah and his floating menagerie been in these parts they would likely be traveling in the same manner yet.

A. W. Lafferty informs us that he secured a compromise in the Burch and Runzi bucket shop cases and secured for the county the handsome sum of \$2,925 and for his own pocket \$675, he, under the law, getting one-fourth of the amount received. This is unquestionably one of the best transactions any county attorney of this or any other county in the state ever negotiated. Besides getting the money he rid the county of this hellish business.—Wellsville Record.